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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

RENGER ET AL.

Examiner

Sarah L. Kuhns

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/28/05
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of claims 1-17 and 20 in the reply filed on June 28, 2005, is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there would not be a serious burden on the examiner, were the entire application to be examined. This is not found persuasive because the inventions are distinct, as shown in the previous Office Action, and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification. Therefore, there is a serious burden on the examiner, as the inventions require different searches.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-10, 13-17, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Engelaere, U.S. Patent 6,302,290 in view of Varadarajan, U.S. Patent 6,544,613, for the reasons set forth in the previous Office Action. Engelaere discloses a bead having a width of 5 mm (column 6, lines 21-24) and it would have been obvious, in view of Varadarajan, to use a double bead, wherein the two beads and the spacing between them had a similar width, which would lead to spacing within the

claimed range. Additionally, it would have been obvious to alter the spacing of the beads according to the specific shape and size of the package.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Engelaere in view of Varadarajan in further view of Cameron et al., U.S. Patent 6,120,899, for the reasons set forth in the previous Office Action.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Engelaere in view of Varadarajan in further view of Chandran et al., U.S. Patent 5,416,127, for the reasons set forth in the previous Office Action.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed June 28, 2005, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Varadarajan does not mention reclosing or resealing. However, this limitation is met by Engelaere, which does disclose a resealable container. Both references are in the same field of endeavor since they relate to containers comprising a rim and a film with a sealing layer being secured around the rim. Varadarajan was relied on solely to demonstrate that the use of a double bead in such a container was known at the time of invention. Therefore, one wishing to increase the tensile or burst strength of the seal, but at the same time still maintain a relatively low peel strength for ease of opening by the consumer, would have applied the teaching of Varadarajan to the invention of Engelaere.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarah L. Kuhns whose telephone number is 571-272-1088. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached at 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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